

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A chef's knives' carrying case that also functions as a work platform, comprising:  
a first planar leg having at least one first leg pocket, the at least one first leg pocket situated so  
that a knife or utensil in said at least one first leg pocket is at an angle to a surface,  
a second planar leg having at least one second leg pocket, the at least one second leg pocket  
situated so that a knife or utensil in said at least one second leg pocket is at an angle to the  
surface,  
a spine formed from a joinder of a side of the first planar leg and a side of the second planar leg,  
the carrying case capable of standing on its two planar legs on the surface when the planar legs  
are separated so that the legs define a three dimensional hollow area of substantially triangular  
cross section between the surface and said legs whereby the carrying case can function as a work  
platform for knives and/or utensils that are in the at least one first and second leg pockets.

2. The carrying case of claim 1, wherein the first planar leg is formed of a first leg wall  
and at least one of the at least one first leg pockets is situated on an exterior side of the first leg  
wall and at least one of the at least one first leg pockets is situated on an interior side of the first  
leg wall and wherein the second planar leg is formed by a second leg wall and at least one of the  
at least one second leg pockets is situated on an exterior side of the second leg wall and at least  
one of the at least one second leg pockets is situated on an interior side of the second leg wall.

3. The carrying case of claim 2, wherein the first planar leg is formed of a first leg wall having a plurality of the at least one first leg pockets on the exterior side of the first leg wall and a plurality of the at least one first leg pockets on the interior side of the first leg wall and wherein the second planar leg is formed of a second leg wall having a plurality of the at least one second leg pockets on the exterior side of the second leg wall and a plurality of the at least one second leg pockets on the interior side of the second leg wall.

4. The carrying case of claim 3, wherein the first planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall.

5. The carrying case of claim 3, wherein the first planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall and wherein the second planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall.

6. The carrying case of claim 3, wherein the first planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having a plurality of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and

includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall and wherein the second planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having a plurality of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall

7. The carrying case of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first and second planar legs have on a bottom portion thereon a skid-resistant material that allows said carrying case in a standing position to have sufficient friction with the surface that knives and/or utensils in the at least one first leg pocket and in the at least one second leg pocket can be removed single-handedly from said at least one first leg pocket and from said at least one second leg pocket.

8. The carrying case of claim 4, wherein said skid-resistant material is on a bottom portion of both the first and the second planar legs.

9. The carrying case of claim 8, wherein the said skid-resistant material is rubber.

10. The carrying case of claim 1, wherein said carrying case includes a handle attached to the spine.

11. The carrying case of claim 7, wherein said carrying case includes a handle attached to the spine.

12. The carrying case of claim 10, wherein the handle has portions defining an opening therein, a largest diameter of said opening being at least one handbreadth.

13. The carrying case of claim 1, wherein each pocket of said at least one first leg pocket and said at least one second leg pocket has stitching defining a boundary of the pocket, said stitching being of sufficient strength so as to prevent a blade of a knife from tearing said pocket.

14. The carrying case of claim 1, wherein said carrying case includes a loop attached to an underside of the spine for holding a sharpening steel.

15. The carrying case of claim 1, wherein the carrying case includes at least one elastic band substantially perpendicular to a length of at least one pocket of said at least one first leg pocket or of said at least one second leg pocket.

16. The carrying case of claim 15, wherein the carrying case also includes at least one reinforced slit substantially perpendicular to a length of a pocket.

17. The carrying case of claim 1, wherein said carrying case can hold over twenty knives and utensils.

18. A chef's knives' carrying case that also functions as a work platform, comprising: a first planar leg having at least one first leg pocket, the first planar leg having a first magnet

embedded therein,

a second planar leg having at least one second leg pocket, the second planar leg having a second magnet embedded therein, the second magnet aligned with the first magnet so that the first and second magnets would have a magnetic pull toward each other when the carrying case is in a closed position,

a spine formed from a joinder of a side of the first planar leg and a side of the second planar leg, the carrying case capable of standing on its two planar legs on a surface when the planar legs are separated so that the legs define a three dimensional hollow area of substantially triangular cross section between the surface and said legs whereby the carrying case can function as a work platform for knives and/or utensils that are in the at least one first and second leg pockets.

19. The carrying case of claim 18, wherein the first planar leg is formed of a first leg wall and at least one of the at least one first leg pockets is situated on an exterior side of the first leg wall and at least one of the at least one first leg pockets is situated on an interior side of the first leg wall and wherein the second planar leg is formed by a second leg wall and at least one of the at least one second leg pockets is situated on an exterior side of the second leg wall and at least one of the at least one second leg pockets is situated on an interior side of the second leg wall.

20. The carrying case of claim 19, wherein the first planar leg is formed of a first leg wall having a plurality of the at least one first leg pockets on the exterior side of the first leg wall and a plurality of the at least one first leg pockets on the interior side of the first leg wall and wherein the second planar leg is formed of a second leg wall having a plurality of the at least one second

leg pockets on the exterior side of the second leg wall and a plurality of the at least one second leg pockets on the interior side of the second leg wall.

21. The carrying case of claim 20, wherein the first planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall.

22. The carrying case of claim 20, wherein the first planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall and wherein the second planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall.

23. The carrying case of claim 20, wherein the first planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having a plurality of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall and wherein the second planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having a plurality of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one second leg pockets on each

side of said interior sub-wall

24. The carrying case of claim 18, wherein at least one of the first and second planar legs have on a bottom portion thereon a skid-resistant material that allows said carrying case in a standing position to have sufficient friction with the surface that knives and/or utensils in the at least one first leg pocket and in the at least one second leg pocket can be removed single-handedly from said at least one first leg pocket and from said at least one second leg pocket.

25. The carrying case of claim 21, wherein said skid-resistant material is on a bottom portion of both the first and the second planar legs.

26. The carrying case of claim 25, wherein the said skid-resistant material is rubber.

27. The carrying case of claim 18, wherein said carrying case includes a handle attached to the spine.

28. The carrying case of claim 24, wherein said carrying case includes a handle attached to the spine.

29. The carrying case of claim 27, wherein the handle has portions defining an opening therein, a largest diameter of said opening being at least one handbreadth.

30. The carrying case of claim 18, wherein each pocket of said at least one first leg pocket and said at least one second leg pocket has stitching defining a boundary of the pocket, said stitching being of sufficient strength so as to prevent a blade of a knife from tearing said pocket.

31. The carrying case of claim 18, wherein said carrying case includes a loop attached to an underside of the spine for holding a sharpening steel.

32. The carrying case of claim 18, wherein the carrying case includes at least one elastic band substantially perpendicular to a length of at least one pocket of said at least one first leg pocket or of said at least one second leg pocket.

33. The carrying case of claim 32, wherein the carrying case also includes at least one reinforced slit substantially perpendicular to a length of a pocket.

34. The carrying case of claim 18, wherein said carrying case can hold over twenty knives and utensils.

35. A chef's knives' carrying case that also functions as a work platform, comprising:  
a first planar leg having at least one first leg pocket,  
a second planar leg having at least one second leg pocket,  
a spine formed from a joinder of a side of the first planar leg and a side of the second planar leg,



the carrying case capable of standing on its two planar legs on a surface when the planar legs are separated so that the legs define a three dimensional hollow area of substantially triangular cross section between the surface and said legs whereby the carrying case can function as a work platform for knives and/or utensils that are in the at least one first and second leg pockets.

36. The carrying case of claim 35, wherein at least one of the first and second planar legs have on a bottom portion thereon a skid-resistant material that allows said carrying case in a standing position to have sufficient friction with the surface that knives and/or utensils in the at least one first leg pocket and in the at least one second leg pocket can be removed single-handedly from said at least one first leg pocket and from said at least one second leg pocket.

37. The carrying case of claim 36, wherein said skid-resistant material is on a bottom portion of both the first and the second planar legs.

38. The carrying case of claim 37, wherein the said skid-resistant material is rubber.

39. The carrying case of claim 35, wherein said carrying case includes a handle attached to the spine.

40 The carrying case of claim 39, wherein the handle has portions defining an opening therein, a largest diameter of said opening being at least one handbreadth.

41. The carrying case of claim 36, wherein said carrying case includes a handle attached to the spine.

42. The carrying case of claim 41, wherein the handle has portions defining an opening therein, a largest diameter of said opening being at least one handbreadth.

43. The carrying case of claim 35, wherein the first planar leg is formed of a first leg wall and at least one of the at least one first leg pockets is situated on an exterior side of the first leg wall and at least one of the at least one first leg pockets is situated on an interior side of the first leg wall and wherein the second planar leg is formed by a second leg wall and at least one of the at least one second leg pockets is situated on an exterior side of the second leg wall and at least one of the at least one second leg pockets is situated on an interior side of the second leg wall.

44. The carrying case of claim 43, wherein the first planar leg is formed of a first leg wall having a plurality of the at least one first leg pockets on the exterior side of the first leg wall and a plurality of the at least one first leg pockets on the interior side of the first leg wall and wherein the second planar leg is formed of a second leg wall having a plurality of the at least one second leg pockets on the exterior side of the second leg wall and a plurality of the at least one second leg pockets on the interior side of the second leg wall.

45. The carrying case of claim 44, wherein the first planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall

and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall.

46. The carrying case of claim 44, wherein the first planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall and wherein the second planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall.

47. The carrying case of claim 44, wherein the first planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having a plurality of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one first leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall and wherein the second planar leg includes an exterior sub-wall having a plurality of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said exterior sub-wall and includes an interior sub-wall having at least one of the at least one second leg pockets on each side of said interior sub-wall